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FOR: SELF-EXTINGUISHING RECOMBINASES, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING
THEM AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME

August 12, 2002
Boston, Massachusetts

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is in response to the Office Action, mailed April 10, 2002, in the above-identified application. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and required fee are filed herewith. With this extension, the present Amendment and Response is due on or before August 12, 2002 (August 10, 2002 being a Saturday). Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Ref. No. 20363-011.

AMENDMENT

Please replace the pending abstract with the following:

A1 -- Nucleic acid molecules comprising at least a first signal site and a recombinase gene operably linked to an expression control sequence, such that upon entry into a cell, there is a first signal site and a second signal site positioned to mediate excision of a sufficient portion of either the recombinase gene or the expression control sequence to extinguish recombinase activity when the first and second signal sites are contacted with a recombinase, cells, transgenics and uses of the foregoing.--